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## CONSERVATION SECURITY PROGRAM

Pennsylvania

Monocacy River Watershed

### MEADOWLARK SELF-ASSESSMENT QUESTIONNAIRE

This questionnaire provides a way of rating your property for the important wildlife species for this watershed. Eastern Meadowlark represents a group of grassland birds that are in decline. These species have declined primarily because of a lack of undisturbed grass nesting cover that is at least 10 acres in size.

These questions help determine if the land you wish to enroll in the Conservation Security Program (CSP) meets quality criteria for a wildlife Resource Management System (RMS). Please read and answer each question by checking Yes or No.

Yes    No

1. If you are offering to enroll up to 300 contiguous acres (one block), is there at least one contiguous block of grassland within or adjacent to the offered land which is at least 10 acres in size and at least 300 feet wide throughout?

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If you are offering to enroll more than 300 acres, is there at least 10 acres as described above, plus one acre for every 30 additional acres offered (for example, an 11 acre block of grassland out of 330 acres offered)?

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2. Is the block of grassland in Question No. 1 not mowed, hayed, or burned from April 15<sup>th</sup> through July 31<sup>st</sup>?

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3. Is the block of grassland in Question No. 1 also not grazed below 6 inches in height?

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4. Is the block of grassland in Question No. 1 at least 50% grasses (less than 50% clovers, other legumes, or broadleaved plants)?

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5. Are there several trees, shrubs, or fencerows scattered within or adjacent to the block of grassland in Question No. 1?

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6. Is the block of grassland in Question No. 1 covered by more than 20% trees, shrubs or brush?

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